

FORM B - BUILDING

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Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village) Upper Meriam Hill

Address 2 Berwick Road

Historic Name William & Marcia Nash House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1912

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Craftsman/Four Square

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation stucco

Wall/Trim stucco/wood

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

garage

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 14,210 SF

Setting early 20th century residential neighborhood

Recorded by Lisa Mausolf

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) April-May 2000



BUILDING FORM (2 Berwick Road)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The house at 2 Berwick Road is a 2 1/2-story, stuccoed dwelling that is capped by an asphalt-shingled, hip roof with projecting eaves. The three-bay facade is partially fronted by a single-story porch that extends from the center entrance and wraps around the west elevation, terminating at the two-story hip-roofed wing offset to the northwest. The porch is supported by wide stuccoed posts which are capped by pairs of brackets. A low pediment marks the location of the entrance. Sheltered by the porch, the entrance contains a wooden door with 3 x 4-lights over four recessed panels. The door is framed by partial sidelights. Also sheltered by the porch is a large picture window with multi-light upper band. To the east of the entrance and outside the porch, there is a bay window on the first floor containing three 6/1 windows. The second floor of the facade has a central 6/1 window flanked by 4/1 windows, with a pair of 6/1 windows on either side. Centered on the front roof slope is a hip dormer with two small 6/1 windows.

The rear wing displays two cutaway corners on the second floor with 4/1 windows and a set of four 6/1 windows on the first floor. The east side of the house is four bays deep and displays a variety of window sizes, predominantly 6/1 and 1/1 with a geometric elevated window on the first floor. The back porch on this elevation is supported by plain posts on a stuccoed wall.

The level 14,210 square foot is largely wooded. A stone wall marks the rear property line and a hedge runs along Hayes Avenue. A paved driveway extends along the east side of the house. Behind the house is a single-story, stuccoed, hip-roofed garage with 6/1 windows.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

It appears that this house was constructed in 1912 for William and Marcia Nash on Lot 58, Part A of the Oakmount Subdivision. The 1912 Lexington Valuation List assesses the Nashes, with an address of 19 Congress Street in Boston, for a house valued at \$5000. The following year the assessment had increased to \$10,000, suggesting the completion of the house. Directories indicate that William Nash was employed as a bookkeeper.

By 1934 the house was being occupied by Miss Cora Jackson. About 1935 the address of the house was renumbered from #1 to #2 Berwick Road. Guy and Marjorie Reed acquired the house about 1950 and remained here until at least 1970.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.
Lexington Directories, various dates.
Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attached a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*